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SUBJ: ENERGY: MACKENZIE VALLEY GAS PIPELINE HEARINGS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NATIONAL ENERGY PRESS RELEASE OF
AUGUST 25 ANNOUNCING SUBJECT HEARINGS:

BEGIN TEXT.

THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT A PUBLIC
HEARING OF APPLICATIONS TO BUILD A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM
THE NORTH ALONG THE MACKENZIE VALLEY WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 27
IN OTTAWA.

TWO MAJOR COMPETING PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE
BOARD, ONE BY CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE LIMITED AND THE
OTHER BY FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED
JOINTLY ALONG WITH APPLICATIONS BY ALBERTA GAS TRUNK LINE
(CANADA) LIMITED, WESTCOAST TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED AND
ALBERTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY LTD. FOR THE EXTENSION OF EXISTING
PIPELINE FACILITIES IN ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE BOARD HAS APPOINTED A PANEL OF THREE TO CONDUCT THE HEAR-
ING. THEY ARE MARSHALL A. CROWE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL
ENERGY BOARD AND THE PANEL, JACQUES FARMER AND WILLIAM A.
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SCOTLAND, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FIVE PHASES, THE FIRST ONE DEALING WITH THE SUPPLY OF GAS WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO THE PIPELINE FROM CANADIAN AND ALASKAN SOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR GAS FROM CANADIAN SOURCES TO SATISFY THE CANADIAN MARKETS. END TEXT.

2. ACCORDING TO TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF AUGUST 26, "DESPITE VIGOROUS OBJECTIONS FROM THE CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE LTD. CONSORTIUM, ARCH-RIVAL EL PASO ALASKA CORP. OF HOUSTON WILL BE AMONG THE 84 APPLICANTS AND INTERVENERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE MAMMOTH HEARINGS THAT COULD LAST A YEAR OR LONGER."
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